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# *our* Connection

United Methodist Church

Clifton Springs

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## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Free Food Distribution

Wednesday, November 2 at 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

### ACME Breakfast

Area Christian Men

Saturday, November 5 at 8AM

At St John's Episcopal Church

All Men invited - bring a guest

### Election Day

### Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Tuesday, November 8th

Serving starts at 4:30

### Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 12

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

in the GRACE Center

Lunch available.



### Bible Sunday

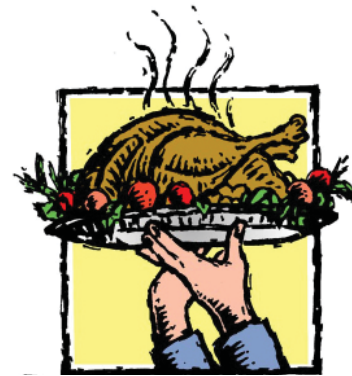
November 20

All Third Graders will receive their very own Bible during the 9:00 a.m. worship.

### Angel Tree

begins the first week of Advent,  
November 27th.

Please help a child in need.



## *Free Thanksgiving Dinner*

Clifton Springs  
United Methodist Church

November, 24 2011  
Dinner served at 12:30

\*Reservations required by November 21\*\*

Not going anywhere for dinner  
come join us!!



There will be no take-outs;  
All dinners will be served at church.

Questions: contact Eileen Welker  
462-7208 or ewelker@iesi.com

Sign-up sheets can be found in the  
GRACE Center on the bulletin board.



## 'Tis the Season

No – I'm not rushing the Christmas Holiday's – contrary to the habits of so many fine retail establishments.

I'm referring to Thanksgiving – and I pray it's not a day, but rather a season of Thanksgiving.

This year I'm thankful for my wife & family, for the love and excitement they bring into my life. That goes without saying.

But when it comes to church, what I find myself most thankful about is the focus we now have on Mission work.

It has come to my attention that lots of folks don't realize the scope of our mission involvement. So, here's a list. I pray I get most of them!

Ongoing, very recent, or "coming soon to your church" missions are:

- The weekly **food cupboard** housed at St Felix
- **Free food Distribution** – next event scheduled for Nov 2 from 4:30-6
- **Habitat for Humanity** build in Geneva – blitz week recently completed
- Team to **Redbird Mission** in Kentucky – just returned. Another planned for 2012.
- **Habitat** will build 100 houses in Haiti this month! – Roger Cullen is going November 5-12.
- **Habitat** will build 400 more modest homes in Haiti in May 2012 – space on the team still open.
- Short term – one or 2 day – trips to assist with **flood recovery** in Binghamton area UM Churches and south of Albany. Imagine, Owego had 10 feet of Susquehanna river water in their sanctuary.
- Another **Mexico Mission trip** is being planned for early 2012.
- Did you know that Linda Mascioli does **jail ministry visits** on a regular basis – mission work to be sure.

- Thanks to Web Pearsall's leadership, many in our church family are participating in **Operation Christmas Child** – the shoe box Mission.
- Did you know we have funds from a grant to start a **school backpack outreach program** to combat hunger?
- We support the **Head Start program** – housed right in our own building - with holiday bags and cold weather clothing support.

I'm certain I've forgotten one or more.

The goal of mission work is to share the love of God – Grace – in practical ways, particularly with people who need some grace injected into their life situations. The need is great, but our God is Greater Still!

I'm thankful that we are involved in so much mission work. It allows us to put thanksgiving into the hearts of those who find themselves in a time of need. May our faith and commitment to be God's missional servants be up to the task!

See you in church!

*Lynn*



**Remember  
Our Missionaries  
This Christmas**



## Decorate our Church Home for Advent

Stay after Church on Sunday, November 20th and help. Something for everyone to help with. Many hands make light work and a lot of fun too!

## December 2nd Cookie Sale For Campership funds

We need lots of homemade Christmas Cookies to fill the cans. The kids bake too for a couple days but if you are able to bake at home and help the youth with this project please let Lorrie know. Thank you for your help. Last year we sold 120 cans. That is over \$1,200 in profits



## GingerBread House Workshop Wednesday, December 7th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

At Church - \$20.00 per house - do it as a family or a group of friends for lots of fun! Gingerbread- Icing- Candy and Box to carry your house home all included. Registration due by Dec 4th to Lorrie with \$20.00



## *Caring & Sharing*

### Touching Hearts, Transforming Lives

Thanksgiving Theme  
Wednesday, Nov. 9th,  
Grace Center, 1PM.

Please bring a COPY of  
YOUR favorite Thanksgiving  
Recipe to "swap" with each other.  
We will be collecting \$1.00 from  
everyone for miscellaneous  
expenses, such as stamps for  
mailing of announcements  
throughout the year.

Christmas Dinner  
Thursday, December 8th  
at 11:30AM.  
Ashton Place

A collection will be taken  
for The Children's Christmas Fund.

For questions or a ride please call  
Shirley Reed 585-289-9887  
or Birdie Roll 462-9235.

# SEW SISTERS

Calling all quilters! Join us **Saturday, November 5th**, for a morning of creating quick sewing projects. We'll work on Christmas ornaments, "snap" bags, and any other projects you would like to work on.

**Saturday, November 5th  
9 – 1 in the Grace Center**

The Sew Sisters will not be meeting in December, but look for news next month about our January meeting where we will begin making Disappearing 9 Patch quilts.

Contact Heidi Pearsall at [hpearsall@rochester.rr.com](mailto:hpearsall@rochester.rr.com) with any questions.



## "Under New Management"

Thank you to Web Pearsall and Linda Mascioli. As they have agreed to take on co-leadership of the Missions Team since Sandy Worboys' departure. God Bless you both!



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**Don't Forget!**  
**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes**  
**Need to be returned by Sunday, November 13**  
**so they can be hauled to the regional pick up point.**



## FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**Wednesday, Nov 2, 2011**

**4:30 – 6:00 At**

**Clifton Springs United Methodist Church  
1 East Main St in the GRACE Center**

### Eligibility Guidelines For Mobile Market Program

Those with a household income equal to or less than  
185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines  
are eligible to receive  
Supplemental Food Packages.

These guidelines go into effect 7/01/09, and are updated annually.

#### Household Size Annual Income

Household Size	Annual Income
1	\$20036
2	\$26955
3	\$33874
4	\$40793
5	\$47712
6	\$54631
7	\$61550
8	\$68469

For each additional family member add \$6,919.

If you are unable to make please fill out an authorization form with your name, address, date and person picking up your package. Bring I.D.



To rent chairs or tables please contact Jeff Linsner at 315-729-1145. The small rental fee we request is used to replace worn out tables & chairs so they will always be available for church and family functions. Ours is a busy facility & church family. Tables & Chairs are rented out for a 24 hour period & must be returned promptly since others may be counting on their availability.

## YOUTH GROUP

**November 18th** - 6 til 8pm we will be making cookies for the Christmas can sale and then we will have a game/movie night at church.

**December 7th** is the Gingerbread house night.. don't miss out on the fun!

**December 18th** is our Sunday School skit..it will be as fun or better than last years:) Please come be a part of this as well.

**January 20th** is the Talent night..be thinking of what you can do to show your talent for the church.

On a Sunday afternoon in **January** we will go as a youth group to ice skate at a nearby skate rink

In **February** we will be going to Batavia to the snowtubing place.

And anyone interested in going to Casowasco's retreat should let Kris Vandyne or Lisa know. The dates are the **3rd-5th**

**March 3rd** is Revolve..We will be purchasing tickets soon so please be aware of date and let Lisa know if interested so we can get enough tickets

More to come for March and April!! Keep watching the newsletter and web pages!



Thanks everyone for your input of what you would like to do this year. Hope we



## Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed

Sponsored By:  
**Clifton Springs United Methodist Church**

Location:  
**1 E. Main St.  
(in parking lot)  
Clifton Springs, NY 14432**

### Items Accepted:

All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys.  
(Your donations **will not** be cut up or shredded)

(Please...**NO** rags, fabric scraps, pillows, toys or household goods; **please understand that the above unwanted items are a hardship and expense to dispose of.**)

- Send clothing to people who can use it all over the US and World.
- Help the environment by keeping your clothing out of the landfill.
- Receive a tax deduction for your donation. Receipts are on the shed.

**\*\* Help us keep your donation clean and dry. \*\***  
If possible, please put in tied or closed bags. Thanks.



Ashton Place and Spa Worship  
Held on the 3rd Thursday each  
month are scheduled for:

**November 17th**

9:30 at Ashton Place

10:45 at the Spa

Singing, Bible study, Communion

All are welcome



## *United Methodist Women News*

### **CRAFTED DONATIONS WELCOMED!!**

A great variety of crafted items are displayed and sold – great prices and tax free! If you have been busy crafting, sewing, baking, canning, carving, beading, drawing, painting and want to donate to the bazaar - drop off all items at the GRACE Center on Friday, November 11 (Pricing your own donations is greatly appreciated!)

If you are not crafty but want to donate time there are many options....provide a helping hand mixing pie fillings (morning of November 11); assist in selling on day of bazaar; offer to work on the “giving soup” lunch (all money collected at luncheon will be provided as a blessing to help an individual/family who may have a special need at Christmas) – many areas to help! Have your own idea? Let us know – we can make it work!

Call Ellen Pfeif (315-521-0911) or email: [rpfeif@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rpfeif@rochester.rr.com)

All proceeds given to mission work. Always - thank you for your support!!!

**BONANZA  
OF A BAZAAR**  
**Saturday, November 12**  
**8:30 am – 1:30 pm**  
**UMC - GRACE Center**

**Great Prices,  
Great Selection of  
gifts made by local crafters  
along with  
yummy homemade pies,  
baked goods, knits,  
collectibles and more!**





## Recent Requests for Prayer:

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**Flood victims** & recovery volunteers

**Jim King & René** – for continued healing following a motorcycle accident

**Curt & Barb** (Pierce) Morrow dealing with the aftermath of a fire

Newborn **Kali Freelove** is home from the hospital after major heart surgery.

**Irene Beshara** – stubborn & persistent nausea and weakness

**Kaye Newcomb** & sister Cheryl following their Mom's death

**John Briggs** – several health challenges

**Joy Wilkes, Silvia Hughson, Sharon Ranger** – each recovering from recent surgery

For folks struggling with addictions

## Landmark Events of recent weeks:

### NEW MEMBER RECEIVED

9/25 Benita Wilson

### FUNERALS / MEMORIAL / GRAVE-SIDE SERVICES

10/21/11 Betty J Christensen

10/25/11 Sharon VanCleaf

Anyone interested in membership and/ or Baptism should call the parsonage and speak to Lynn.  
462-7192

## Whom do I call??

Sr. Pastor:	Lynn Spence	462-7192
	Lynn's cell phone	315-945-1095
Church Office (answering machine):		462-2274
Church Secretary:	Kris VanDuyne	585-739-3255
Bell Choir:	Sharon Mullard	462-2129
Camping Agent:	Lorrie Spence	462-7192
Caring&Sharing Grp:	Birdie Roll	462-9235
	Shirley Reed	585-289-9887
Christian Education:	Lorrie Spence	462-7192
Church Treasurer:	Jim Conners	462-9237
Church Usage Coor:	Lorrie Spence	462-7192
Email Prayer Chain:	Lynn & Lorrie Spence	462-7192
Financial Questions:	Kris VanDuyne	585-289-4559
Food Cupboard:	Chuck Tomes	585-526-7024
	Or Bill Smith	462-2064
Food Service Coor:	Don & Betty Bagshaw	462-7217
Lay Leaders:	Pat Roll	462-9235
	Phyllis Ryan	585-490-1049
	Cathy Chabrier	515-8155
Library Coordinator:	Jan Wright	548-3225
Ministries Coor:	Lorrie Spence	462-7192
Missions Coor:	Sandy Worboys	585-732-0783
Music Ministries Coor:	Kaye Newcomb	585-526-6934
Newsletter Editor:	Patty Payne	462-6647
Phone Prayer Chain:	Birdie Roll	462-9235
Second Milers:	Ruth Wheat	462-3458
Staff-Parish Relations:	Pat Roll	462-9235
Trustees:	Chris Dzula	374-6643
Spiritual Growth Coor:	Cathie Chabrier	781-6903
Youth Ministry Coor:	Lisa Spence	587-5080
Visitation Coordinator:	Pat Roll	462-9235
Volunteer in Nursery:	Jeff Linsner	462-6220
UMW:	Julie Palmer	462-9351

To schedule a wedding, baptism, funeral etc:  
Call the pastor at 462-7192



## Parents! Nurture Grateful Young Servants

November is the perfect time to transform our gratitude of God into acts of generosity toward others. These don't always have to be "big" acts.

William Wordsworth said "the best portions" of a good person's life are his or her "little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love."

With some support from you, the little children in your life can make a big difference in the lives of other people. Here are some ideas to encourage gratitude and service:

- **Make serving fun.** Spend an afternoon raking up leaves for elderly neighbors or church members. Afterward, dump a bag of leaves on your own lawn, and throw some individually wrapped candy into the pile. After children search for the candy, discuss what makes helping others feel so "sweet".
- **Enlist children in the Christian Secret Service (CSS).** Deploy kids for undercover operations by having them serve others covertly. For example, they can leave sidewalk-chalk messages for neighbors, deliver cards at the local nursing home, or pick up trash at their favorite park.
- **Share your adventures in serving.**

During November and December, challenge family members to perform acts of giving and kindness. Then report the activities every night during dinner or family devotions. These can range from shoveling snow and delivering cookies to leaving a close-to-the-door parking spot open at the mall or helping someone carry his or her packages.

*Thank You!*

I would like to thank everyone for the calls and cards I received during my recovery. I would like to thank Lynn and Lorrie for their calls to see how I was doing. I am feeling better. I am so glad that I have found the wonder family that this church has.  
Love, Sylvia

## Volunteers Needed!

With all the natural disasters happening around this area and the nation this year, there is a real need for people with training to take the lead and get teams to follow them to carry God's love to those in need, and give them a helping hand and a caring ear. If you are interested, a **training session** will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 until 4:00, at First UMC, Schenectady, 603, State St. The cost is \$15.00 for the training and manuals, and \$10.00 for lunch provided by the church.

Jay and Cathie Dunkleberger, and Pete and Jan Huston will be providing the training. Contact the Dunklebergers at [jdunkleb@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jdunkleb@nycap.rr.com) or 518-371-7071 to register for the training. This training is being provided primarily for prospective leaders in Adirondack, Albany, Oneonta, and Mohawk Districts.

### Haiti Mission Trip

May 8 through May 15, 2012

A mission trip to Haiti is being organized by Thomas House of Warners UMC and Bob Mueller of Marcellus UMC. Both have experience in leading mission teams to places such as Red Bird Mission, New Orleans, and various Gulf Coast communities that were affected by Hurricane Katrina. Tom and Bob were part of a mission team to Haiti in May of 2010, just four months after the earthquake that caused so much damage. They are looking for able bodied volunteers that are healthy and can work in 90 degree temperatures. The cost per volunteer is \$1500. They would love to have a doctor as part of the ten person team. If you can't be a volunteer but would like to support this mission please make a donation to Warners UMC and mark it Haiti Trip 2012.

For more information or to volunteer contact:

**Thomas House** 315-744-4254

[thouse21@twcny.rr.com](mailto:thouse21@twcny.rr.com)

**Bob Mueller** 315-345-8675

[4mueller@twcny.rr.com](mailto:4mueller@twcny.rr.com)

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# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Even before the catastrophic 2010 earthquake, Haiti was ranked as the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere according to the Human Development Index. More than two-thirds of the labor force do not have formal jobs, and many are subsistence farmers. About 80 percent of Haitians were living below the poverty line before the earthquake, and 54 percent were living in abject poverty.

Habitat for Humanity and the Methodist Church have decades of experience serving families in Haiti. Both have now committed to major recovery efforts. UMCOR has partnered with the Methodist Church in Haiti to address hundreds of rebuilding projects in 26 locations. Our Upper New York Conference has 17 mission trips currently scheduled to address another set of projects.

Habitat Haiti committed to build 500 new homes in 2011-2012. Habitat Haiti also builds capacity in construction skills, disaster mitigation and financial literacy. After the 2010 earthquake, Habitat for Humanity committed to serving 50,000 families in Haiti over five years. The first step was to distribute more than 25,000 emergency shelter kits to clean up debris, complete basic repairs and create emergency shelter. The new structures—a timber-frame skeleton with pressure-treated plywood walls, a tin roof and permanent concrete perimeter foundation—are built so that concrete blocks can be added later, as the family's finances improve. More than 3,000 Haitians have been trained in construction or construction business practices, and 1,200 others have been trained in financial literacy. More than 700 Haitians have found job opportunities through Habitat Haiti's main office and Habitat Resource Centers.

In a recent development, Roger Cullen will be sent by Habitat-NY to Haiti in November. He'll be participating in the 28th annual Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project to construct permanent structures for

the people of Haiti to rebuild their homes and lives. In May 2012, he and Donna plan to return to Haiti to work with the Methodist Church on their UMCOR projects. That trip is still open to those who can commit a week and fundraising effort for \$1,500. Some fundraising has already been done for basic support. Both projects need a continuing fundraising effort for Haiti. While we are all well aware that there are needs in this country and some very nearby in the southern tier. The need in Haiti is massive and also relatively nearby.

Current Habitat Haiti projects aim to provide only the most elemental of basic needs for shelter and health. In an indication of their conviction of priority, Habitat for the first time will hold a major Carter build two years running in the same location.

From November 5 to 12, a group of 400 volunteers will build 100 core homes in Léogâne, Haiti, near the epicenter of the January 12, 2010 earthquake.

Due to the devastated infrastructure throughout the earthquake-affected areas of Haiti, the volunteer group will live in tents near the build site, with temporary showers and toilet facilities. Living conditions will be modest, but working alongside Haitian families to rebuild their lives will be well worth the inconvenience. The Cullens have committed to support Haitian families and hope you will join them.

They have a goal of raising \$5,000 to help support the Carter Work Project as well as support continued building in Haiti. Your gift is an investment in this new community. Habitat for Humanity has a goal of building 500 core houses in the Santo project in Léogâne in the next two years. If just 50 people make a \$100 commitment they will reach that goal.

You can help the Haitian people by going to Roger Cullen's Habitat fundraising page to donate:  
<http://www.habitat.org/cd/cwp/participant/participant.aspx?pid=70496594>





## November

- 1 – Steve Phillips
- 2 – Rick Kauder
- 3 – Jim Wilkes  
Brian White
- 4 – Danielle Arnold
- 6 – Devon Kerr  
Megan Colf  
Grace Doyle
- 7 – Ed Wertz
- 8 – Siri Riccione  
Ray Morey
- 10 – Jon Barkley
- 11 – Rebecca Laird  
Jennifer Strub  
Roger Cullen  
Charles Tomes
- 12 – Anna Mae Smith  
Hazel Burden  
Julie Palmer
- 14 – Patrick Spence
- 15 – Tristan Campbell  
Kaja Parker
- 17 – Dean Brickle  
Karalee Brickle  
John Sweeney
- 18 – Elvin Grube
- 20 – Jessica Charlette
- 21 – Karen East  
Jacob Spence  
Dylan Nudd  
Travis Yates
- 22 – Chris Kauder  
Sydney Forshay
- 23 – Max Burnham  
Chris Mowery
- 24 – Amy Jo DeRuyter  
Stephen Friedel
- 25 – Linda Vogel  
Emily Strub
- 26 – Tom Brickle
- 29 – Elizabeth Pierce  
Nicholas Davies  
Ethan Maslyn
- 30 – Devan Lapresi

## December

- 1 – Hannah Shedenhelm  
Steve Charlette
- 2 – Chuck Norton  
Geoffrey Mattoon  
Henry Ranger
- 3 – Marlayna Wertz  
Becky Sloane
- 4 – Jim Connors  
Deb Forshay  
Karen Heffron  
Marion Gordner  
Donna Cullen
- 9 – John Severson
- 10 – Casey Spence  
Shari Garver
- 11 – Glenda Landis
- 13 – Christopher Davies
- 14 – Darren Bump
- 15 – Ellen Pfeif  
Bill Taylor
- 16 – Tom McKay  
Glenn Trautman  
Ken Shultes  
Louis Chabrier  
Megan DeHond
- 17 – Zachary Payne  
Sarah Vanderhoof
- 18 – John Maslyn  
Ruth Gardner
- 19 – Doris Kenny  
Sarah Haley
- 20 – Connie Jones
- 21 – Kris VanDuyne
- 23 – Donna Phillips
- 24 – Clayton Snow
- 25 – Jessica Coulombe
- 28 – Cadence Spence  
Zavier Cullen
- 29 – Carol Pries  
Sue Bright
- 30 – Brandon DeHond
- 31 – Ken Smith



## November

- 2 – Stephen & Amy Blair  
Gary & Barb Phillips  
Jim & Doris Kenny
- 10 – Kathy & Harlow Blackburn
- 17 – Chuck & Yvonne Galbraith  
Chuck & Sharon Norton
- 20 Glenn & Sue Trautman
- 25 – Bryant & Shana Ranger
- 29 – Ellen & Joe Haner

## December

- 7 – Bill & Allison Wellman
- 9 – Heidi & Brian White
- 10 – Linda & A H. Mascioli
- 11 – Joe & Lynne Carver

## FOOD CUPBOARD SUNDAY

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Of the Month

Don't forget to bring in your donations for the food cupboard, one of our church's vital mission projects.

The Food Cupboard is always in need of canned vegetables like green beans, canned fruit like peaches and pears, soups, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, pasta and sauce.

And as Don Wheat would say, "Please don't forget to tape an extra quarter or two to your cans or boxes".